GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1677
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POWER PURCHAE AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report captioned `Maharashtra Power Board has submitted all documents to Power Regulator-Writ forces MERC to scrutinize PPAs` appearing in the Business Standard dated January 2, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of reaction of the Government to the observations made therein;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the present status of the issues raised by Maharashtra State Electricity Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir. The said news item has appeared in the Business Standard dated January 2, 2001.

(b) : The news item mentions a petition filed with the Maharashtra ElectricityRegulatory Commission (MERC) pleasing for the Commission to analyze and regulate various contracts pertaining to some private sector power projects in Maharashtra and also to make public all such documents. The Government of India does not seem to be aparty in matter nor any communication in the matter has been received from the Government of Maharashtra/MERC/Maharashtra State Electricity Board.

(c) & (d) : Do not arise in view of the position stated in reply to the above.